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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

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RE: **SUB-PETITION NO. 1293 - BMM-01 (Berlin, Middletown and Middlefield)**– Eversource Energy declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for all transmission facility asset condition maintenance improvements statewide to comply with the updated National Electrical Safety Code clearance requirements.

Dear Ms. Shanley:

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) is in receipt of your correspondence dated November 2, 2020 regarding changes to the above-referenced project that was approved by the Council on July 6, 2020. The proposed modifications consist of the revision of the access roads to two structures, as follows;

Structure 6148, Middletown. - The access road has been revised due to the need of a longer bridge span over a watercourse located near Interstate 91 that will be installed by crane. A temporary work pad for the crane will be established in Wetland 20 located southwest of Interstate 91. Beyond the bridge crossing, an existing access road will be utilized to reach Structure 6148, eliminating the need to install a new access road as originally anticipated. The access road revision/crane pad will result in 4,918 square feet of temporary wetland impacts. This figure also accounts for adjustments to mapped wetland boundaries due to recent in-field delineations.

Structure 6-228, Middletown - The access road has been revised to avoid low hanging distribution lines along the previous access route that present a construction safety hazard. The revised route will avoid the lines by utilizing an existing temporary access road that extends to an adjacent structure that was installed as part of a different project. The existing temporary access road would be extended by 150 feet to Structure 6-228, resulting in an additional temporary wetland impact of approximately 5,396 square feet.

Pursuant to the Council's Petition No. 1293 decision of March 31, 2017 and the July 6, 2020 decision on this sub-petition, your request for the proposed project changes, as detailed in your November 2, 2020 correspondence, is hereby approved. Any additional changes to the sub-petition decision require advance notification and approval.

Thank you for your attention and cooperation.

Sincerely,

s/Melanie Bachman

Melanie Bachman
Executive Director